



## + NAVY HOSPITAL CORPS LEGENDS + HMCM WILLIAM R. CHARETTE



Master Chief William R. Charette (1932-2012) enlisted in the Navy in January 1951. He served **26 years** in the hospital corps.



Awarded the **Medal of Honor** for heroic actions at the Battle of Outpost Vegas in the Korean War (1953).



Chosen to select the remains of U.S. World War II servicemen who would be placed in the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** at Arlington National Cemetery (1958).



Spent **15 years as an Independent Duty Corpsman** (IDC). Served aboard submarines Quillback (SSN 424), Triton (SSN 586), and Daniel Webster (SSBN 626).



Namesake of Charette Health Care Center at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth, Virginia, and **USS William R. Charette** (DDG 130).